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In re Application of: PETER NUENNERICH, HERIBERT DIERKES and MICHAEL BORK] Group Art Unit:
Application No. 10/593,208 Filing Under 35 USC 371 in DO/EO/US of PCT/DE2005/000491 filed 16 March 2005	Examiner:
For: METHOD FOR SUSPENDING AND INTRODUCING SOLID MATTER IN A HIGH-PRESSURE PROCESS	Attorney Docket 1-17542

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As this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required for consideration of this IDS.

The following documents were cited in the earliest claimed priority, basic German application, DE 10 2004 013 338 (cover page attached):

DE 199 28 405 A1 (corresponds to US 6,796,151 B1 - also cited in the subject application);

EP 0 850 682 (corresponds to US 5,921,478 B1);

WO 97/13915 A1 (corresponds to US 5,972,151 B1 - also cited in the subject application); and

US 6,261,326 (also cited in the subject application and the International Search Report).

The following documents were cited in the specification of the subject application, which serves as a statement of relevance for the non-English references:

Page 1 DE 199 28 405 A1 (corresponds to US 6,796,151 B1)

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U.S. patent 6,261,326 B1 was cited in the International Search Report of the corresponding International Application. A copy of the International Search Report, along with its English translation, which serves as a statement of relevance for any non-English references, is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

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Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are enclosed herewith, along with

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